



## **Swimming Pool and Hot Tub Rules and Regulations**

The Master Association encourages and promotes the responsible use of our community's pool and hot tub facilities. The following Rules and Regulations are intended to protect health and safety, provide an experience that is enjoyable and fun, and help protect the large investment that has been made by all members of our community.

### **Pool Area Rules**

#### **Health and Safety:**

- All persons under age 14 must be accompanied in the pool area by a responsible party (person 14 or older). Direct supervision of those under age 14 in the pool or hot tub is essential to ensure their safety.
- Infants and toddlers must be accompanied to enter the bathrooms, community center or fitness room.
- Use of the pool or hot tub incurs a risk of drowning, and all users do so at their own risk. Act with the utmost care and caution to avoid accident and injury to yourself and others.
- Do not use the pool or hot tub while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or other drugs that may cause impaired judgement, drowsiness or lower blood pressure.
- Do not dive into the pool or hot tub at any time; serious injury may result.
- Do not use the pool or hot tub if you are wearing bandages or have skin abrasions, lesions, a cold, a cough, inflamed eyes, open sores, nasal or ear discharge, diarrhea, or infection or communicable disease which may be transmitted by the pool or hot tub water.
- Swim diapers in the pool are mandatory for all children who are not toilet trained. They are readily available for purchase online.
- Don't run, push, play ball, horseplay on the pool deck.
- Do not use electrical appliances in or near the pool or hot tub at any time.
- Get out of the pool or hot tub when there is thunder or lightning in the area and vacate the pool area immediately. In case of emergency, the pool will be cleared of all persons.

#### **Do:**

- Access the pool area using your key card, and keep pool gates closed at all times (no propping open).
- Use only small beach balls and other swimming pool toys in the pool. Play without splashing on or otherwise disturbing others using the pool.
- Yield to individuals who wish to use the lap lanes or other deeper areas of the pool for swimming or exercising.
- Remove toys and pool floats from the pool when not in use. Take personal items home with you when you leave for the day. Replace all community noodles and toys in the bin provided.

- Place a towel on your chair or chase lounge to avoid staining the poolside furniture with oils or lotions.
- Bring your own cooler for your food and beverages; the community center refrigerator is only for community center functions.
- **Close pool umbrellas when you are finished using them.**
- Use battery-operated radios or other personal sound systems with the volume kept at a reasonable level so to not disturb others. Ear buds are recommended.
- Dispose of all trash, garbage or recyclable items in the trash and recycle bins provided for your use.

### **DON'T:**

- Bring glass or breakable dishes or bottles to the fenced pool area.
- Smoke or vape inside the fenced pool area.
- Bring pets inside the fenced pool area.
- Eat food or chew gum while in, or at the edge of, the pool or hot tub.
- Bring large (two person) floats as they may interfere with other swimmers.
- Wade or play in the fountain or on the fountain walls.
- Hang on or sit on the pool rope lane dividers.
- Enter the pool equipment room, which is for use by authorized personnel only.
- Use foul or coarse language, spit water, blow your nose, or urinate in the pool or hot tub.

### **Other Rules Specific to the Hot Tub:**

- Children may not use the hot tub unless they are 5 years or older and are able to stand in the deepest point of the hot tub with the water below their chin. (The Center for Disease Control states that no children under 5 years of age be allowed in the hot tub)
- Individuals between ages 5 and 13 may use the hot tub only with a responsible party (person 14 or over) in the tub with them or in close enough proximity to continuously maintain direct supervision and control of the 5 to 13 years old.
- **Absolutely no swimmers (swim diapers) or diapers are allowed in the hot tub.**
- Pregnant women, persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, and/or high or low blood pressure should consult a physician before using the hot tub.
- Exit the hot tub immediately if you feel ill or start to feel queasy or dizzy.
- No jumping, diving, swimming, or playing in the hot tub.
- No toys or floats in the hot tub.
- Do not put your head underwater at any time while in the hot tub.
- Enter and exit the hot tub slowly. Never stand up quickly.
- Do not remain in the hot tub longer than 10 to 15 minutes. Cool down before re-entering.

### **Grill Usage:**

- The Grill is for community use. Please be mindful of others and clean surface area and cooking grates after usage.
- Extra attention is required while supervising children while the grill is in use.

- Make sure propane tanks are turned off when grill is not in use.
- Cover grill ONLY when grill is cooled.

### **Pool Violations:**

- A violation of pool rules that threatens the safety or wellbeing of other users will be treated severely, with penalty of up to suspension of pool privileges for the first offense.
- Lesser offenses will be met, on a case by case basis, with warnings, letters, and other escalating penalties for multiple infractions.

### **Responsibility for Damage:**

A resident who causes damage in the pool area will be required to reimburse the community for the cost of repairing or replacing.

### **Pool Area Operations Information**

**Schedule.** The pool and hot tub are open every day, weather permitting, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 6am-11pm. The pool and hot tub may be used only during the regularly scheduled times.

**Guests.** Residents/pool members are allowed to bring guests, up to 10 guests per household at no charge.

### **Pool Use for Links Homeowner Events**

Links residents/pool members planning for large parties (over 10 guests per household) must receive prior approval. eContact the Community Center Operations Committee (CCOC) for rental approval by sending an email to [linkscoc@gmail.com](mailto:linkscoc@gmail.com).

All Links residents/pool members planning such events must first sign and submit the **“Pool Rental Agreement Form”** (See attachment). By signing the form, the resident/member agrees to oversee their guests’ behavior and acknowledges their responsibility for any incurred damage and/or excessive cleanup costs. Detailed instructions and fee schedule are provided on the rental form.

### **Complaints/violation of pool rules.**

- All complaints pertaining to the pool and hot tub MUST be submitted in writing and sent to [linkscoc@gmail.com](mailto:linkscoc@gmail.com). A response will be provided as soon as possible.
- Violation of pool rules should be reported and submitted to the [linkscoc@gmail.com](mailto:linkscoc@gmail.com).